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became available, one in November 1916, one in April 1918, one in November 1920 and one in June 1921. An eighth circle was added in November 1920.

- (3) The Circle officers are designated Deputy Directors and they are on a scale of Rs. 350—1,250 with an overseas pay of Rs. 150 to 250 in the case of officers of non-Indian domicile. There is a selection grade from Rs. 1,250—1,500. They belong to the Indian Agricultural Service.
- (4) Yes : it is intended that each circle should ultimately have an Assistant Director, a member of the Madras Agricultural Service. At present only three circles have got an assistant.
- (5) Of the eight officers in charge of circles four, of whom one is a European, were educated in the United Kingdom, and in the course of their education did practical agricultural work. In the case of three of these officers, their Indian experience dates from the time of their appointment, a period varying from one to three years. The fourth officer had served as an Assistant Director for nearly twelve years before his promotion to the Imperial Service. The training and experience of the remaining four officers has been entirely in India. The most junior of them has completed eight years' service.

Location of police hospitals.

563 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number and the places of police hospitals in the Presidency which are located in places where there are other public or private hospitals?

A.—There are ten such hospitals at Anantapur, Vellore, Coimbatore, Mangalore, Kurnool, Cannanore, Sivakasi, Salem, Palamcottah and Koraput.

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Have the Government satisfied themselves that there is need for the continuance of the police hospitals in those places where there are other Government hospitals? I find that in a number of places there are police hospitals in addition to public and private hospitals.”

The hon. MR. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“I understand, Sir, that some of these hospitals are being amalgamated into general hospitals.”

Representation of the depressed classes in the local boards of Bellary.

564. Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(i) whether there is any member of the depressed classes on the Bellary taluk board; and

(ii) whether there are other local boards also without such representatives, and if so, which?

A.—(i) The answer is in the negative.

(ii) A statement of the members of the depressed classes appointed to local boards in the Presidency will be furnished to the hon. Member.

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Will the next opportunity be taken to give representation to those unrepresented classes, viz., the depressed classes?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Government will be pleased to consider the request."

The Government Muhammadan College.

565 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the strength of the College department of the Government Muhammadan College, Madras, in the current year and in each of the two previous years as well as the receipts and expenditure of the College in each of the last two years?

Strength of the Muhammadan College.

A.—1920-21	..	Forty-two at the beginning and 31 at the end.
1921-22	..	Thirty-two at the beginning and 21 at the end.
1922-23	..	Twenty-nine at the beginning and 28 at present.

				Receipts.	Expenditure.
				RS.	RS.
1920-21	..	..	..	1,716	34,168
1921-22	..	..	..	2,850	34,223

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"I wish to know, Sir, whether there are no Muhammadan students reading in the Presidency College or other first-grade colleges in Madras?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—"There are Muhammadan students reading both in the Christian College and in the Presidency College."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"If that be the case, Sir, is it not possible to provide the 28 students now reading in the Government Muhammadan College with adequate instruction in the other colleges?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—"The matter was considered, and it was found impossible to provide instruction to these Muhammadan students in the other first-grade colleges of Madras in the subjects which they have taken up for their University examination."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Will not the provision for a chair or chairs on such subjects meet the situation and relieve the state of the huge expenditure which is now being incurred?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—"If the hon. Member wishes to make any suggestion, a resolution may be brought forward, and the opinion of the Muhammadan community in the matter will be ascertained."

Working of the courts under the Village Courts Act, 1920.

566 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any and if so what orders to meet the practical difficulties felt by Collectors in the working of the courts under Village Courts Act, 1920, in the matter of suitable court rooms, establishment to carry on clerical work, furniture and stationery, etc.?